

To Whom It May Concern,

I understand that HB5080 , AN ACT CONCERNING DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS, is currently being considered in the Environmental Committee.

I respectfully ask for your support and passage of this Bill with the following additional clarifying language: that the definition of "bow and arrow" INCLUDES CROSSBOWS. Crossbows became legal for ALL bow and arrow hunters hunting deer last year and should be included in this bill.

As for the bill itself, Connecticut has eliminated nearly all of the "blue laws" with the exception of Sunday Hunting. With hunting numbers decreasing and an ever increasing deer population, passing this bill only makes sense. An extra day in the field (on private property with the permission of the landowner), allows bow hunters the ability to have an additional (non-business) day in the field. I strongly urge your support in the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

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